

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SB 1704

SPONSOR: Regulated Industries Committee, Senators King, Silver, and others

SUBJECT: Bingo

DATE: April 18, 2000 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Wimsett	Guthrie	RI	Favorable/CS
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I. Summary:

The bill creates a bingo study commission consisting of nine members. It provides for an appointment process and requires a report to the Legislature by February 1, 2001.

This bill creates an unnumbered section of Florida Law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 849.0931, F.S., provides rules and regulations regarding the conduct of bingo games. The section provides governing definitions, describes the types of organizations that are authorized to conduct bingo games, provides proper bingo game procedures, describes allowable dispensation of bingo proceeds, sets jackpot limits, weekly game limits, residency and location requirements, and premises requirements.

Notwithstanding the comprehensive provisions in s. 848.0931, F.S., some organizations that conduct bingo believe that more specific statutory authority is needed to preserve the intent of the section to generate funds for charitable endeavors.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill creates a bingo study commission consisting of nine members. Five members will be appointed by the Governor. Two members will be appointed by the President of the Senate and two will be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The bill requires the Bingo Study Commission to report to the Legislature by February 1, 2001. The report must address:

- Specific procedures for conducting games;

- Who may conduct or assist with the conducting of bingo games;
- Where or under what property arrangement bingo may be conducted and how often bingo may be conducted at any one location;
- The lack of accountability for the use of the money collected from bingo operations;
- The lack of uniform control or enforcement; and
- The lack of a single official or agency specified to act as the final authority in bingo-related disputes.

This act takes effect upon becoming law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

Implementation of the bill may require staffing and an appropriation.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
